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PLAINS, GA. (AP) -- JIMMY CARTER SAID TODAY THAT ONE OF HIS AIDES MADE A ''SERIOUS MISTAKE'' IN DISCLOSING AN INTRASTAFF MEMO LISTING CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH AS AN EXAMPLE OF REPUBLICAN OFFICEHOLDERS WHO GOT THEIR JOBS AFTER FAILING IN THE POLITICAL ARENA.

THE DEMOCRAT'S PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT HE HAS BEEN IMPRESSED BY THE INTELLIGENCE BRIEFINGS BUSH HAS GIVEN HIM AND SAID, ''I WOULD NOT INCLUDE GEORGE BUSH AMONG THOSE WHO WERE APPOINTED WITHOUT QUALIFICATIONS.''

THE STAFF MEMO WAS GIVEN TO A REPORTER IN ATLANTA ON WEDNESDAY APPARENTLY BY MISTAKE, ONE DAY BEFORE BUSH ARRIVED IN PLAINS FOR THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH CARTER ON INTELLIGENCE MATTERS. THE MEMO WAS SUPPLIED BY JODY POWELL, CARTER'S PRESS SECRETARY, WHOM CARTER DID NOT MENTION BY NAME IN REMARKS.

CARTER ALSO SAID HE AGREES WITH SEN. WALTER F. MONDALE, D-MINN., HIS RUNNING MATE; THAT FBI DIRECTOR CLARENCE KELLEY HAS FAILED TO GET CONTROL OVER THE FBI.

HE NOTED THAT KELLEY, AFTER SWEARING MORE THAN ONCE TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES THAT HIS AGENTS HAD CEASED ALL ILLEGAL ''BLACK-BAG JOB'' BURGLARIES, NOW ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WAS NOT THE CASE AND THAT SUBORDINATES ''LIED TO HIM.''

REFERRING TO KELLEY, CARTER SAID HE SAW NO WAY TO PREVENT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FROM MAKING MISTAKES, ''BUT TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE; IT'S ALMOST UNFORGIVEABLE.''

THE FORMER GEORGIA GOVERNOR SPOKE TO NEWSMEN AS HE BID FAREWELL TO CALIFORNIA GOV. EDMUND G. BROWN JR., WHO DEPARTED AFTER A TWO-DAY VISIT TO CARTER'S HOMETOWN.

BROWN, WHO OPPOSED CARTER IN SEVERAL PRIMARIES LATE IN THE CAMPAIGN, SAID CARTER HAS MADE HISTORIC PROGRESS IN RECONCILING ALL FACTIONS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

CARTER, IN TURN, PROMISED BROWN VETO POWER OVER THE SELECTION OF A CALIFORNIA CARTER CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR, AND SAID HE WILL ASK BROWN TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON CAMPAIGN TRIPS OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA.

EARLIER, BROWN TOLD REPORTERS THAT CARTER WAS THE ONLY PERSON WHO COULD GIVE THE NATION LEADERSHIP, AND SAID, ''I WANT TO ASSURE HIM OF MY HELP AND ALL THE ENERGY I HAVE IN MAKING SURE THAT HE WINS IN NOVEMBER AND GETS A GOOD START IN JANUARY.''

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